

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Four

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #902: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

*Psalms 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b*

L: Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia,

C: **for He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.**

L: His right hand and His holy arm

C: **have worked salvation for Him.**

L: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

L: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to You, O LORD,  
for though You were angry with me,  
Your anger turned away,  
that You might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.  
"Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.  
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: James 1:16-21 (ESV)

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel: John 16:5-15 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "But now I am going to Him who sent me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

## Hymn #578: Thy Strong Word

## Sermon

*10:45—Children ages 4-12 are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate message*

## Offertory (sung)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

***Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.***

***Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

## Offering from God's People

## Stewardship Prayer

**Heavenly Father, through the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have given us the promise of eternal life! Fill our hearts and minds with the knowledge of our true wealth and security, so that we would not cling to worldly riches that pass away but share them generously to serve our neighbor and spread Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer (10:45)

(10:45) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

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(8:00) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you.	C: <b>And also with you.</b>
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.	C: <b>It is right to give Him thanks and praise.</b>
P: It is truly good, right, and salutary. . .	
. . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:	

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
 Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
 Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.	C: <b>Amen.</b>
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Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

1. <b>O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,        You take the sin of the world away;        O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,        Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.</b>	2. <b>O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,        You take the sin of the world away;        Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,        And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.</b>
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Distribution Hymns

1. #633: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	2. #636: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
3. #818: In Thee Is Gladness	

Nunc Dimittis (*stand to sing*)

Luke 2:29-32

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the LORD.	C: <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Hymn #469: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Postlude

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